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SUBJECT- AMCIT TRAVEL FROM CUBA

1. DEPT IS OCCASIONALLY ASKED BY SWISS EMB WHICH IS PROTECTING USG INTERESTS IN CUBA TO ASSIST IN REPATRIATION OF AMCITS FROM CUBA TO US. CASES INCLUDE AMCITS AND CUBAN-NATIONAL IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS REGISTERED ON REPATRIATION LIST AS WELL AS SEAMEN OR TOURISTS IN CARIBBEAN WHOSE VESSELS ARE GROUNDED IN CUBA. UNTIL NOW SWISS HAVE ARRANGED FOR DEPARTURES VIA MEXICO ON BIWEEKLY FLIGHTS. DEPT IS AWARE THAT CUBANA DE AVIACION MAKES WEEKLY FLIGHT TO BARBADOS, PORT OF SPAIN, AND GEORGETOWN EVERY WEDNESDAY, DEPARTING HAVANA AT 08:30.

2. IN ORDER TO EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITY OF REPATRIATING INDIVIDUALS ON BARBADOS FLIGHT, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMB'S INFO CONCERNING LOCATION OF BARBADOS AIRPORT USED BY CUBAN AIRWAYS, TRANSIT VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR AMCITS AND ACCOMPANYING CUBAN FAMILY MEMBERS, AS WELL AS WHAT ONWARD TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO U.S. AND COST OF TICKET TO MIAMI. ACCORDING TO SWISS, FARE HAVANA - BARBADOS IS DOLLARS 188.20. RUSH

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